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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL OLIVER SUMMARY

1. IN VIEW OF CONTINUING EE SENSITIVITY TO TRAVEL BY  
MEMBERS AND STAFF OF CSCE COMMISSION, POSTS MAY BE INTEREST-  
ED IN ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR STAFF DELEGATION OLIVER TO  
VISIT BELGRADE, BUCHAREST AND BUDAPEST THIS MONTH.

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2. IN AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH A PRECEDENT FOR TRAVEL BY  
THE COMMISSION TO EASTERN EUROPE, CHIEF OF COMMISSION  
STAFF, SPENCER OLIVER, STAFF MEMBERS MARTIN SLETZINGER AND  
ESTER KURZ, AND FSO MARTIN MCLEAN OF EUR/RPM SOUGHT  
YUGOSLAV, HUNGARIAN AND ROMANIAN VISAS FOR BILATERAL CSCE  
"CONSULTATIONS." DECISION TO APPLY FOR VISAS TO ROMANIA

AND HUNGARY WAS TAKEN AFTER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON BOTH WITH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES AND WITH VISITORS FROM CAPITALS HAD INDICATED THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS WOULD AT LEAST CONSIDER TRAVEL BY COMMISSION STAFFERS AT THIS TIME.

3. AS IN PAST, YUGOSLAVIA HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN GRANTING VISAS. HOWEVER, NEITHER ROMANIANS NOR HUNGARIANS WERE SO

RELAXED ABOUT COMMISSION TRAVEL AS EXCHANGES IN WASHINGTON HAD LED US TO BELIEVE. THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT ASKED THAT AMBASSADOR AGGREY CHAIR THE BILATERAL TALKS, AND GRANTED THE VISAS ONLY ON THAT BASIS.

4. THE HUNGARIANS, AFTER SOME HESITATION, DID NOT REFUSE VISAS OUTRIGHT BUT INDICATED THEY WERE NOT PREPARED FOR CSCE TALKS AT THIS TIME AND HAD NOTHING NEW TO ADD TO WHAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER NAGY SAID IN HIS MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE. THE HUNGARIANS SAID THEY WOULD ACCEPT A U.S. DELEGATION IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1979. THEY STRONGLY IMPLIED THEY WOULD NOT QUESTION CSCE COMMISSION REPRESENTATION ON SUCH A DELEGATION HEADED BY A STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE. STAFFDEL ASKED FOR AND QUICKLY RECEIVED VISAS FOR A CONSULTATION VISIT TO EMBASSY BUDAPEST, ON UNDERSTANDING THEY WOULD NOT MEET WITH HUNGARIANS.

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5. DELEGATION WILL SPEND SEPTEMBER 9-16 IN YUGOSLAVIA, 16-19 IN BUDAPEST AND 19-20 IN BUCHAREST.

6. DEPARTMENT KNOWS OF NO OTHER PLANS FOR TRAVEL BY CSCE COMMISSION STAFF AT THIS TIME. IN VIEW OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS AND THE PRESS OF LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS, THE CONGRESSIONAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ARE NOT EXPECTED TO BE TRAVELING BEFORE EASTER 1979 AT THE EARLIEST.

7. DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING PROGRAM OF CSCE CONSULTATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES AND EXPECTS TO PROPOSE SENDING A DELEGATION THIS FALL TO BUCHAREST AND WARSAW, WITH ONE OR TWO OTHER STOPS POSSIBLE. WE EXPECT TO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMISSION STAFF ON THIS DELEGATION. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS TRIP, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF MOSCOW AND EASTERN EUROPEAN POSTS ON HOST GOVERNMENT ATTITUDES TOWARD COMMISSION TRAVEL AT THIS TIME.

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